

REMARKS

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the careful consideration of this application. Claims 1-15 are currently pending. Claims 1-15 have been amended on formal grounds. Based on the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicant appreciates the Office Action's indication that claims 1-15 are directed to allowable subject matter.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Office Action rejects claims 1-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. As set forth below, the claims have been amended, where appropriate, to overcome these rejections.

With respect to claims 1, 7, and 15, the Office Action asserts that the phrase "first fastening means are arranged displaced towards" is unclear. Claims 1, 7, and 15 have been amended to remove the word "displaced." Additionally, the Office Action asserts that the recitation of "180°" in claim 15 should be replaced with "180 degrees". The suggested change has been made. Accordingly, the Applicant requests that the rejection of claims 1, 7, and 15 be withdrawn.

With respect to claim 3, the Office Action asserts that it is unclear what the difference is

between “the at least three bodies” of claim 3, and “the at least one body” of claim 2. Further, the Office Action asserts that it is unclear what the difference is between “the partitioning septum” of claim 3, and the “partitioning septum” of claim 2. Claim 3 has been amended to depend from claim 1, instead of claim 2, to remove any confusion between the elements of claim 2 and the elements of claim 3. Accordingly, the Applicant requests that the rejection of claim 3 be withdrawn.

With respect to claim 10, the Office Action asserts that the word “In” should be replaced with “in.” The word “In” has been removed from claim 10, thereby rendering this rejection moot.

In view of the foregoing, the Applicant requests that the rejections under Section 112, second paragraph, be withdrawn.

Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicant believes that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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